

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please add the following new paragraph at the bottom of page 7 of the 14-page English specification submitted with the national phase filing on 04/06/2006. Specifically, please insert the new paragraph *after* the paragraph that begins with “Advantageous embodiments of the inventive device...” and *before* the paragraph that begins with “A particularly advantageous embodiment...”:

In a preferred embodiment of the inventive device for preventing and extinguishing fires, the high-pressure pipe consists of a fiber-reinforced composite and has a pressure capacity of 300 to 700 bar.